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I, Elias P. Sablan, I. D. No. 1899, Labor No. C-850, do hereby make the following statement to the Legal Officer freely and voluntarily, without coercion, with the full realization that such statement made may be used as evidence against me.

I, Elias Sablan, was born on the 8 of November 1899, on Saipan, M. I. I worked as foreman loading and unloading cargoes. This work was carried on at Tanapag harbor in 1931. Aslito Field in 1935 was started. In 1939 Banadero construction began. The Japanese brought in about 10-inch guns stored them in warehouses. This occurred around 1937. They were set up in 1939 and 1940. The forced labor started in 1939 and they took Saipan chamorros up to a reef to fortify it. Keeping forced labor there for 6 months. These people were paid two yens a day. Early 1931 the Japs started bringing in cement, lumber, many airplanes. In the summer of 1941, they started to bring in fighters, bombers, and many drums of gas. Forced labor used to help to fortify Saipan was used by the Japanese.

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About 18 November 1941 ten young Chamorros 21-25 who could speak English were picked forcibly and another group one which later were told they were to help the Emperor and Japan. On 6 December they were sent to Guam on unknown mission. Second group was sent to Guam on 8 December 1941. They were used to search the island for gun positions to help the Japanese but after being turned loose to watch they hid in the jungles.

I have had all the foregoing material on this page typewritten after I had written it in English.

/s/ Elias P. Sablan

WITNESS: Charles D. Cook

Ens. D (L) USNR

Subscribed and sworn to before me this
16th day of March 1946.

Theodore M. Adelson, Lt. (JG) USNR
Legal Officer, U. S. Nav. Mil. Govt.
Saipan, M. I

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日附 一九四六年三月十一日

私儀 ELIAS P. SABLAN I.D. 番号 #1899 労働 #C-850

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私儀 ELIAS P. SABLAN: 一九三九年十一月八日委任
銃砲サイパン島ニ於テ出シマシタ。私ハ船荷揚部
人足頭ヲ勤メテ居リマス。此ハ仕事ハ一九三三年
「バグ港」デサレマシタ。一九三五年「アスリート飛
行場」ガ着目サシタ。一九三九年「バグ港」建設ガ開始
シタ。日本人ハ十時^位迄ヲ持込^テ倉庫ニ貯蓄シタ。
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一九三九年及一九四〇年ニハ据付ケラシタ。

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所デ六ヶ月間強制労働ヲシタコト人達ハ一日
ニ知^ラセサシタ。一九三三年始日本人ハセメント
木材、飛行機多数、持込^テ始メタ。一九四一年
夏戦闘機爆撃機多数、カソリン、入^リト^ル等

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ヲ持込ニ始メタ。サイパン要塞化、為日本人、強制
労働ヲ用ヒタニアレ。一九四一年十一月八日頃若
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シ、ハ後ニ天皇ト日本国ヲ助ケル、グット言ハレタ。
十二月六日未詳、使命ヲ帯ヒテ「グアム島」ヘ送ラ
レタ。亦ニ團ハ一九四一年十二月八日「グアム島」ヘ送ラ
レタ。彼等ハ島ニアレ大砲、据付場所ヲ搜シテ日
本軍ヲ援助スル為ニ用セラレタガ捜査、為自由
ニサレタ時、密林ニ彼等ハ隠レタツタ。

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